

Restriction Requirement
Application No. 10/686,821

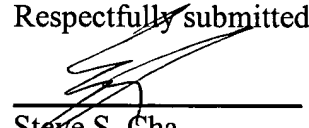
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Response to the Requirement for Restriction, Applicants elect to prosecute the invention of Group I, with traverse, Claims 1-7, drawn to an optical switching device including a plurality of circulators to output signals from a low to a higher order and wherein an optical signal input to an associated one of the input ports is output to an associated one of the output ports via at least one of the circulators classified in case 385, subclass 16.

No fees are believed to be necessitated by the foregoing Response. However, should this be erroneous, authorization is hereby given to charge Deposit Account No. 502-470 for any underpayment, or credit any overages.

In view of the above, withdrawal of the Requirement for the Restriction is requested, and an early action on the merits of the Claims is courteously solicited.

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